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6 **IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
7 **FOR THE DISTRICT OF ARIZONA**
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10 Sarah Christine Stinson,
11 Plaintiff,
12 v.
13 Banner Health,
14 Defendant.
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No. CV-24-00328-PHX-DGC
ORDER

17 Plaintiff moves for a court-appointed Iraqi Arabic language interpreter during
18 depositions and court appearances. Doc. 29. The motion will be denied.

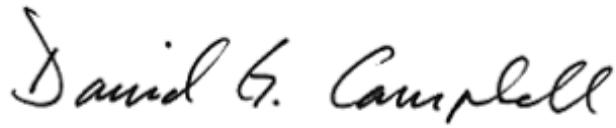
19 Plaintiff does not explain why she cannot afford to retain a private interpreter. The
20 Court denied Plaintiff's motion to proceed in forma pauperis because her household
21 income of \$72,000 is 170% greater than the poverty guideline, she owns a home in
22 Scottsdale, Arizona worth more than \$800,000, and she had more than \$3,000 in checking
23 accounts. Docs. 6, 7. Even if Plaintiff was indigent, the in forma pauperis statute, 28
24 U.S.C. § 1915, does not authorize the expenditure of public funds for court-appointed
25 interpreters in civil cases. *See Chavira v. Oh*, No. 2:23-CV-04051-DOC-AJR, 2024 WL
26 1699103, at *1 (C.D. Cal. Apr. 8, 2024) (same and citing cases); *see also Hrbenic v. Ryan*,
27 No. CV-14-02251-PHX-JAT (DMF), 2016 WL 4376513, at *1 (D. Ariz. Aug. 17, 2016)
28 ("[N]o case from the United States Supreme Court or the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals

1 recogniz[es] the right to a court-appointed interpreter in a civil proceeding.”); *Ali v. Gerry*,
2 No. 12-CV-185-JL, 2012 WL 4848889, at *2 (D.N.H. Oct. 10, 2012) (“There is no
3 constitutional right to free interpreter services in federal civil cases.”).

4 Plaintiff asserts that English is not her first language. Doc. 29 at 1. But the record
5 in this case, including the telephonic scheduling conference in which Plaintiff participated
6 (*see* Doc. 25), shows that Plaintiff has sufficient English proficiency to pursue her claims
7 at this pre-trial stage of litigation. *See Desmaine v. Columbia Sportswear Co.*, No. 3:24-
8 CV-00067-SB, 2024 WL 865873, at *3 (D. Or. Feb. 29, 2024).

9 **IT IS ORDERED** that Plaintiff’s motion for a court-appointed Iraqi Arabic
10 language interpreter (Doc. 29) is **denied**.

11 Dated this 24th day of October, 2024.

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15 David G. Campbell
16 Senior United States District Judge
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